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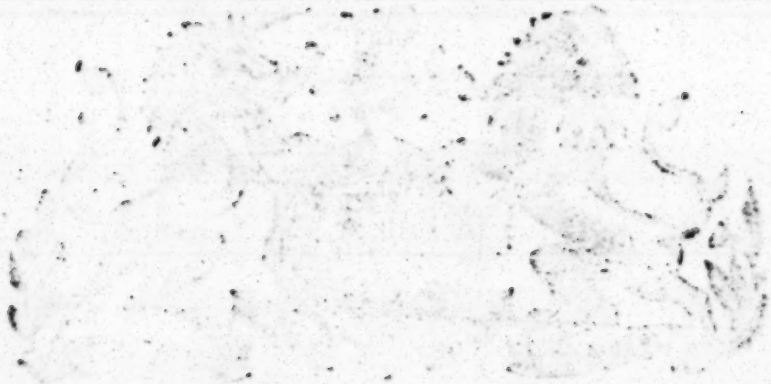

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CHAP. XIV.

WHEREAS the Pariſhioners of ſeveral Pariſhes in this Kingdom have neglected Preamble.

or refuſed to make Proviſion at their reſpective Veſtries, for the Repairs of the Churches or Chappels within their reſpective Pariſhes, and to defray the neceſſary Charges for the Performance of Divine Service therein, to the Diſgrace and Diſcouragement of the Eſtabliſhed Religion; And whereas an Act made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King* George *the Second*, intituled, *An Act for the better keeping Churches in Repair*; was intended to remedy the ſaid Abuſes, but the Proviſions made by the ſaid Act extend as well to thoſe Pariſhes in which there had been no ſuch Default, as to thoſe in which there

there had: And whereas it is not reaſonable that the Innocent ſhould be confounded with the guilty; be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid recited Act of the laſt Seſſion, and every Thing therein contained, be from henceforth repealed.

Act of the 13th and 14th of Geo. 3, repealed.

II. And to the End that Parliament may be informed of the State and Condition of the ſeveral Churches and Chappels in this Kingdom, and of the Conduct of the Pariſhioners thereof, with reſpect to the Particulars herein before mentioned, in order that an adequate Remedy may

may be provided for the Reformation of ſuch Abuſes, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Deans, Archdeacons, Prebendaries, and all Rectors, Vicars, and perpetual Curates within this Kingdom, ſhall, upon the beſt Information, make a ſpecial Return to the Clerks of both Houſes of Parliament, on or before the Firſt Day of the next Seſſion of Parliament, of the true State, Age, and Condition of their reſpective Pariſh Churches and Chappels, and whether they are ſafe and fit for the Reſort of the Pariſhioners to have Divine Service performed therein, and whether the ſaid Churches and Chappels reſpectively, have been from Time to Time provided with ſuch uſeful and decent Requiſites as are neceſſary for the due

Deans, &c. ſhall make Return to Clerks of both Houſes of Parliament, on or before 1ſt Day of next Seſſion, of the State, &c. of Pariſh Churches and Chappels, and whether provided with uſeful and decent Requiſites neceſſary for the due Celebration of the Sacrament, and Performance of Divine Service;

due Celebration of the Sacrament, and the regular Performance of Divine Service, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *Ireland*; and whether any Taxes, and to what Amount, have been applied for, or levied for five Years, previous to the First Day of *December*, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to answer the Purposes aforesaid.

and whether any Taxes have been levied for 5 Years, previous to *December*, 1775.

FINIS.